

## OKLAHOMANS AFTER BANKHEAD ROADWAY

Stormy National Convention at Mineral Wells in Advocating Northern Route Through State.

## MANY ADDRESSES ARE MADE

Governors and senator Sheppard Advocate Building of Improved Highway Through South.

## MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS, April 14.

The intrinsic advantage of improved highways and their economic benefits were pointed out at today's sessions of the United States Good Roads association, in annual convention here, the speakers including United States Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas, Governor H. G. Pleasant of Louisiana, and former Governor George W. Donaghey of Arkansas. The day also was marked by committee meetings and parades by rival factions in the contest for the route of the Bankhead National highway from Memphis, Tenn., to El Paso, Texas. The convention expects to select the route Friday when reports of pathfinders have been received.

Governor Pleasant in his address said America must build her own "delivery wagons" to carry its products to the nations of the world. Manufacturers cut production according to market demand, he said, and "this points a moral to the cotton farmer." The Louisiana executive digressed from the road subject to the cotton prospect and urged the organization of a \$100,000,000 cotton export corporation.

Former Governor Donaghey, who said he had been elected governor of Arkansas because he "knew how to mix mortar," described the road system in his state. He declared that badly constructed roads will set civilization's clock back a quarter of a century and warned the convention that "hell is full of highway fakery." Everything needs a good foundation, even life itself, he said.

Rivalry between the delegations favoring the "northern route" through Oklahoma of the Bankhead highway and those favoring the "southern route" is increasing. At noon today the Oklahoma delegation, led by a band, and temporarily took possession. The Oklahoma spokesmen delivered speeches favoring the "northern route" from Ho Springs, through Oklahoma and the Texas panhandle to El Paso, via Roswell, N. M.

The Texas delegation today organized a club to work for the adoption of a constitutional amendment for a \$100,000,000 bond issue, to be submitted to the voters of Texas in May.

## CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL IS CONFERRED ON ROBB

SALINA, Kan., April 16.—The congressional medal of honor was today conferred upon First Lieutenant George H. Robb here by Brig. Gen. W. H. Sage, commanding at Camp Funston. Ten thousand of Robb's admiring fellow townsmen looked on while General Sage himself wearing an identical medal, won in the Philippine campaign, pinned the award to Robb's coat.

Lieutenant Robb was awarded the medal for taking command of a negro unit after all his superior officers had been killed and he was wounded leading it through a withering fire, taking all objectives.



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## MAUNDY THURSDAY TO BE OBSERVED HERE

Four Hundred Scottish Rite Members to Attend Annual Banquet.

Nearly 400 Scottish Rite Masons are expected to be in attendance at the Maundy Thursday banquet at Hotel Tulsa tonight, given by the Scottish Rite society of Tulsa.

Judge Ralph E. Campbell will act as toastmaster and addresses will be made by William P. Freeman of McAlester, Maj. Alva J. Niles, Harry H. Rogers and others.

All Masons of the Rose Croix degree are obligated to attend this ceremony, which is one of the most impressive in connection with the Masonic order. Toasts will be offered to the government, to the council and its officers, to the constitutions, to the grand lodge and to the brethren whose labors have been ended.

## FLYING CIRCUS IN TULSA SAT. MAY 3

United States Army Aviators to Perform Aerial Stunts in Interest of Victory Loan.

Definite dates have been announced for the coming to Tulsa of the big air squadron of the United States army which will take part in a flying circus to arouse interest in the Victory loan campaign. Following is the schedule for the Oklahoma points:

Oklahoma City, Friday, May 2.

Tulsa, Saturday, May 3.

Muskogee, Sunday, May 4.

The squadron that is to visit Tulsa consists of 17 planes, including some of the latest British, French and American types, four captured German fighters. The planes are carried on special trains, each consisting of nine end-of-train baggage cars.

The aircraft is accompanied by a group of noted American, British and French pilots who have seen actual battle service at the front, and by 100 enlisted men and civilians who set the planes up on arrival and take them down again for shipment.

The exhibition consists of a sham battle in the air between four planes representing the allies and four German planes. The battle affords the latest and most thrilling tricks of flyers and opportunity to show the sky-fighting.

## SCHAFFER OIL CASE FILED AGAIN FOR TAX EXEMPTION

MUSKOGEE, Okla., April 16.—The case of C. H. Schaffer of Chicago, involving the constitutionality of the Oklahoma income tax as it relates to non-residents who derive an income from producing oil properties within the state, which was dismissed last month by the United States supreme court because the proper state officials were not made party to the suit, was refiled here today. Frank C. Carter, state auditor, and Abner Bruce, sheriff of Creek county, in which Schaffer's million-dollar lease is located, are made defendants.

According to the petition, Schaffer's net income for 1916 was \$1,500,000.

Open Fuel Oil Bids.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Bids on 5,000,000 barrels of fuel oil to be delivered during the next 12 months to shipping board vessels at Boston, Philadelphia, Galveston, Cristobal and Balboa, were asked today by the board's division of operations.

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON VICTORY LOAN

### Why Don't the Banks Take this Loan?

Because the money in the banks belongs to the depositors of the bank. The only money from which a bank should be asked to buy bonds is from its surplus and profit account. If it buys bonds from its deposit accounts, then the commercial business of the community will suffer, for the men will not be able to borrow money for the erection of business and employment of labor.

### Why Have Any Liberty Bonds Sold for Less Than Par?

In the first place, it should be remembered that on each Liberty bond the government has agreed to pay a definite rate of interest and pay the principal at a specified time. When these provisions are carried out by the buyer his bond is worth 100 cents on the dollar as per promise. When the buyer sells his bond before the agreed time of payment, whether for selfish or unselfish reasons, he, and not the government, breaks the contract. He, by this sale, asks that someone else assume the loan he lays down and the difference between 100 cents on the dollar and the price he sells the bond for is what he pays for a release from his part of the agreement. It is foreseen, however, that the Victory bond will be of such a nature that it will readily demand par.

### Why Don't the Government Offer this Issue on the Open Market?

In other words, this means why don't the government offer these bonds to the highest bidder?

In the first place, it would be impossible to raise a sum like \$5,000,000,000 in this way. In the second place, such a move would probably result in a panic because the government by asking for bids would draw all available investment money away from the necessary supply of such commercial needs as farm loans, manufacturing loans, mercantile loans, etc. In fact, business would have to close its doors. If the government auctioned off its bonds to the sum of \$5,000,000,000, it would drain the money markets of the nation and bring disaster. There is only one safe way to raise this great loan—that is by a popular loan from the savings of ONE HUNDRED MILLION PEOPLE.

## NINETEEN ARE INDICTED IN KANSAS CITY STRIKE

TOPEKA, Kan., April 16.—Indictments arising out of the charges of conspiracy in connection with the recent Kansas City street car strike, dynamiting of several cars and the failure to obey the mandates of Federal Judge John C. Ladd, were returned today by the federal grand jury against 19 persons, including one woman. Thirteen of the persons

involved are either under arrest or out on bond, and the other six, it is expected, will be taken into custody immediately. Bonds required, it was stated, will range from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

It is contended by some language students that Irish brogue is the ancient way of pronouncing English, preserved in its purity by residents of Ireland.

## Belgium Not to Bring Former Emperor to Trial for Crimes

By The Associated Press.

PARIS, April 16.—The Belgian delegation to the peace conference today informed the correspondent that Belgium had not been officially requested by the council of four to bring the former German emperor to trial and that the Belgian government would feel obliged to decline to take the step even if there was a request for such action.

The Belgian delegates held that any action should be taken by a commission representing all the associated powers. The official Belgian view, it was stated, is that the former emperor cannot be arraigned for declaring war or for violating the neutrality of Belgium or for any act preceding or coincident with the declaration of war.

After pointing out that there is no tribunal competent to hear such charges against the former emperor, and no provision of international law governing such cases, the delegates said that Belgium expects that persons guilty of acts punishable under the criminal codes of any of the belligerent powers should be placed on trial as the fact that the theft, murder and other crimes were committed during the war does not relieve the criminals of responsibility.

If the commission desires to arraign Gen. von Baron Manuffel for the sacking of Louvain, General von Schrodor for the murder of Captain Fryatt and General von Sauberzweig for the execution of Edith Cavell, all the necessary documents will be forthcoming, said the general secretary of the delegation.

## LEGALITY OF PAVING BILLS IN QUESTION

Supreme Court Justice Raises Point at Hearing of the Kraeger-McCormick Case.

In the hearing of a case before the state supreme court involving the methods of collecting paving tax bills issued by the city of Tulsa, a question was raised by a member of the court which threatens to involve in a legal muddle all of the city's paving improvements made under the terms of the present city charter.

It has been the custom to enforce the collection of delinquent paving tax bills through attorneys who, under the terms of the charter, are permitted to add their fee in the claim upon the property. To this method Mary D. Kraeger and Lorenzo Greer objected and brought suit in the courts. The case was referred to a special commissioner, acting for the supreme court, and the verdict of this commissioner was that the taxes should be collected as are other taxes of the city and county.

From this decision the paving contractor, E. P. McCormick, appealed to the supreme court proper. The Tulsa City Taxpayers league opposed the requesting of the case and asked to be made a party to the suit. The city joined in the issue for the purpose of upholding the city charter.

On Tuesday the case came up for hearing before the supreme court at Oklahoma City and all parties to the suit were represented by counsel. It was at this hearing that one of the justices raised the question as to whether the Tulsa city charter did not conflict with the state law in that it provided a manner of collecting paving taxes in conflict with the state law.

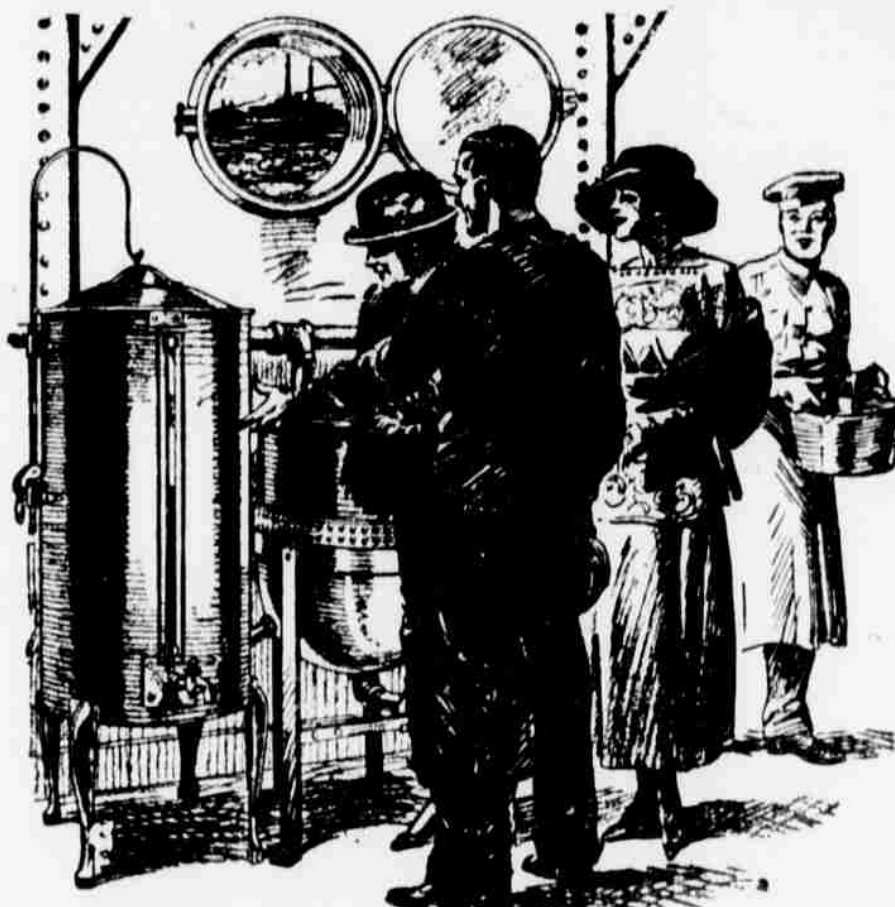
"The question raised by Chief Justice Hardy is one which was not anticipated by any of the parties prior to the opening of the arguments, and for that reason time was given all persons interested in the controversy in which to file briefs and memoranda of authority," said City

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